

Chair Smith Warner, Co Chairs Breese-Iverson and Fahey, and members of the House Committee on Rules,

My name is Jerrel Wilson Brown and I Studied at Lane Community College and the University of Oregon.

I'm here today in strong support of HB 4133, the Online Voter Registration Modernization bill because expanding access to voter registration strengthens our democracy and supports student involvement in the political process.

Oregon's OVR system is currently limited to people who have either an Oregon driver's license or a non-driver ID card issued by the Oregon DMV. HB 4133 will help modernize our online voter registration system (OVR+) by allowing registrants to upload an image of their signature and register online with the last four digits of their social security number. With an online voter registration system, more Oregonians will be able to conveniently register to vote and update their registrations.

I've been involved in student registration drives for the last five years now, and the two most common reasons I get for why students aren't registered or have no desire to register to vote is because it is confusing and time-consuming to do so. It's confusing for students because you run into a lot of unexpected snags that ultimately place unnecessary barriers in the way of students being able to register quickly and conveniently: (such as students not understanding the process to update there registration to reflect that they no longer live at their parents homes, and consequently losing out on the opportunity to vote that vote cycle) And it's time-consuming because students often don't have access to the transportation needed to Conveniently drive to an official dropbox location, And in general do not have much time between balancing work school and family obligations to take time out of there schedule to get registered properly .Moving Oregon's OVR system into the future can really only lead to a further strengthening of Oregon's democratic ideals that led to our vote by mail system in the first place, Providing as much access as possible to as many people as possible to ensure that Oregon is heard as a whole, and not Just Bits & Pieces of it.

Please join me in supporting HB 4133.

Thank you for your time,
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